

HOUSE RESOLUTION 270  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Reed H. Thomas,  
Jr., of Bluff City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the death of Mr. Reed H. Thomas, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Bluff City, Reed Thomas was a highly respected member of the community; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Reed H. Thomas, Sr., and Ressie Darr Bryson Thomas, Mr. Thomas answered his patriotic call to duty by rendering admirable service in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he received the Purple Heart for his valiant efforts and was a member of the Bluff City VFW Post 9639; and

WHEREAS, never shying away from a hard day's work, Mr. Thomas earned a respectable living as a retired farmer and rural mail carrier; his diligent work ethic and stalwart dedication earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and peers; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Reed Thomas, Jr. was an active and devout member of the First Presbyterian Church, where he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Reed Thomas was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Laura J. Thomas and was the proud father of their son, Reed H. Thomas, III; he was also the doting grandfather of Ashley Lauren Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas also leaves behind his three nieces, Mona T. Beverley of Knoxville, Toni Bryan of Clarksville, and Candy Phelps of Bluff City; his nephew, Reed Walter Rutherford of Bluff City; his daughter-in-law, Debbie Thomas; his great-niece, Linsi Phelps; and his sister, Robbie Jo Arrants of Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed H. Thomas, Jr., leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Mr. Reed H. Thomas, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere condolences to the friends and family of Mr. Reed Thomas, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.